

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
Washington

March 21, 1947.

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My dear General Vandenberg:

With reference to your letter of March 11, 1947, enclosing copy of a statement forwarded directly by you to Congressman John Taber, I appreciate very much your support of the proposal submitted to the Congress by the Bureau of Mines relating to the assignment abroad of mineral specialists. This program also provides for the establishment at headquarters of a unit staffed with personnel qualified for such foreign assignments.

Your views coincide in every respect with the opinions of this Department. The funds requested for 1948, if provided by the Congress, will permit the Bureau of Mines to inaugurate on a small scale a service designed to aid those branches of the Federal Government responsible for national security, and other agencies primarily concerned with the formulation of economic foreign policy.

Please feel assured that every effort will be made by the Bureau of Mines to plan and program its foreign mineral research in such a manner as to be most beneficial to the Central Intelligence Group.

Sincerely yours,